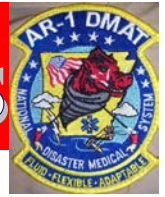




AR-1 DMAT News



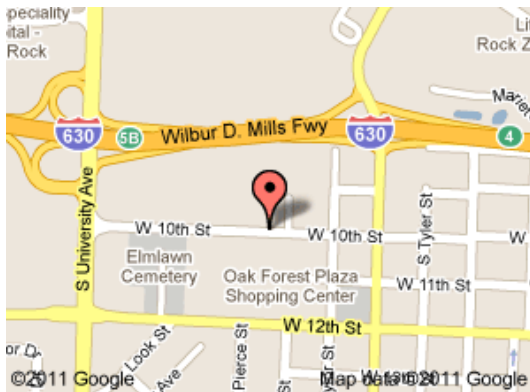
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2014 TEAM “ON CALL” SCHEDULE – AR-1 is scheduled to be “On Call” in May, August and November. **REMAINING 2014 MEETINGS** are scheduled for 05/31, 07/26, 09/27, and the December Meeting and Holiday Pot Luck will be 12/06/2014.

AR-1’S NEXT MEETING: Saturday, May 31, 2014 at the Freeway Medical Tower, 5800 West 10th, 9th floor, Rooms 902 & 906, Little Rock, AR 72204 AR-1 DMAT Employees, New Applicants, interested personnel, LA-1 DMAT and AR-1 Retirees: All invited to attend.



AGENDA –

Leadership Meeting (EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND)

10:00 AM - Section Briefings

10:45 AM – Break

11:00 AM - Commander's Time

General Team meeting

1:30 PM – General Team Meeting / Pledge,

Invocation

1:45 PM – Introductions

2:00 PM - Section Reports

2:30 PM - Breakout Session - To Be Announced

3:00 PM - Break

3:15 PM – Breakout Session – To Be Announced

AR-1 “HAM’S”: Jason Cherry has joined the ranks of AR-1 Ham’s. Tell KG5CFK congrats when you see him.

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC - WITNESS JOPLIN

TORNADO: Rich Hightower shared this video of the devastating Joplin Tornado. Sobering.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vG2DTAzZAw#t=140>

AR-1 “AR1 JPATS EXERCISE”: with DOD, ANG, VA and FCC — Little Rock International Airport,



REGIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM PREPARES FOR LARGE-SCALE

EVENTS: More than 130 emergency responders from across the United States recently trained together at the Center for Domestic Preparedness (CDP) located in Anniston, Ala.

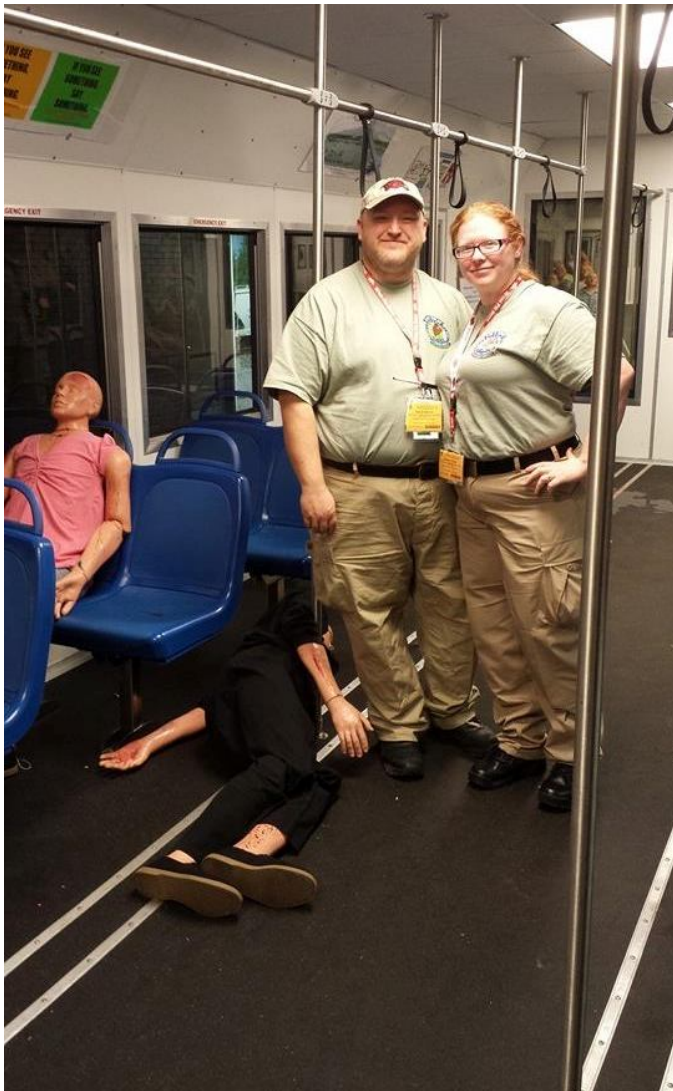
Rich Hightower shares; "Here is a video of our exercise at the CDP. Our NDMS component seems to be the only element absent from the video but it gives a good idea of how large an event this was."

<https://cdp.dhs.gov/news-media/articles/regional-incident-management-team-prepares-for-large-scale-events/>

5 shelters set up, connected vestibules, in 2 hours...:
In the rain! The instructor was impressed.



At FEMA Noble Training Facility.
Subway Scene.



Street Scene



ICE BREAKERS: Tony Williams shared this photo of the AR-1 "ICE Breakers"



TEAM MEETING SCHEDULE – Regular meetings are normally scheduled for the last Saturday of odd numbered months unless otherwise announced

We're On Face book:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AR1DMAT>

You can follow AR-1 on twitter @AR1DMAT.

HHS/ASPR on the Web -

<http://www.phe.gov/preparedness/pages/default.aspx>

We need more team bios to share. Send us yours (KC5HII@gmail.com) so we can get to know you. The basics are listed below but feel free to add or subtract as you desire.

Started Emergency Services in (how, who, where, etc.):

Emergency Services Experience:

Date Joined AR-1:

Currently Serve AR-1 As:

Training / Education in Emergency Services:

Spouse/SO / Family / Home:

Life Experience(s):

Hobbies / Interests:

Most surprising thing you probably didn't know:

Favorite Drink:

Current CD in the car:

Boxers or Briefs:

Favorite Sandwich:

Favorite Cuisine:

Knife of choice:

Favorite piece of gear:

Instagram name:

Twitter name:

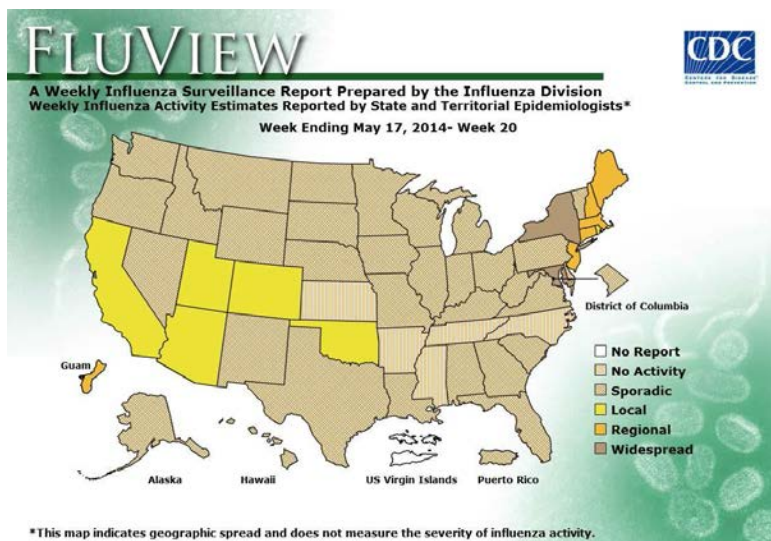


-SITREP-

Notes from the OPS Desk



- "Situation Report" is authored using open-source materials that might be relevant for the team member on a potential deployment. These columns would not substitute for a full safety brief, or a comprehensive review of a mission specific HASP or HERA but may be used as an awareness tool for the interested disaster response team member. An H/P/M, Hazard, Probability, Mitigation assessment for all issues will be utilized.



- Flu season continues to wind down with only sporadic cases of seasonal flu reported. CDC continues to track the 4 major worldwide variants as previously examined.

H7N9 H/P/M: Low/Low/Standard precautions + travel precautions
 H3n2v H/P/M: Low/Low/Standard precautions, vaccine pending
 H5N1 H/P/M: Moderate/Low/mission specific
 H1N1 2009 H/P/M: Moderate/Low/Standard precautions, vaccination
 H3N2 Flu-B H/P/M: Moderate/Low/Standard precautions vaccination

- The Atlantic hurricane season officially begins June 1. H/P/M : High/Low/Preparation for upcoming season, review of mitigation activities. http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/gtwo_atl.shtml for more information.
- MERS- 17 MAY 2014 - The month of May marked a new chapter on the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus saga as two imported cases were reported in the United States. One in Indiana and one in Orlando Florida (?). Evidence suggests that person to person transmission has occurred in the US, as serology performed on a non-traveler contact demonstrated past infection with MERS-coV.
Health care providers are advised to maintain vigilance. Recent travelers returning from the Middle East who develop SARI should be tested for MERS-CoV as advised in the current surveillance recommendations. <http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/MERS/index.html>
16 currently being monitored for exposure in Los Angeles currently per media sources (22May).
-MERS- H/P/M High/Low-Moderate/standard precautions + respiratory isolation, mission specific. Recommend no specific preparation other than awareness at this time.
- Rabies- Still here in Arkansas, as well as other states including California. Skunks are high probability carries as well as "bats on the ground" H/P/M High/Low-Moderate/Vaccine available, avoid animal contact while deployed.
- West Nile Virus - Three states; Arizona, California and Wisconsin have all already reported their first cases of West Nile virus this year. California officials discovered the virus in a dead cow while Wisconsin representatives found a lifeless crow that had the virus. Arizona discovered the virus in a nest of infected mosquitoes. It is disturbing to see West Nile out this early in the season. In years past the virus has not been found in animals until sometime in June. H/P/M High/Moderate/Mosquito/vector control. Mosquito netting packed in deployment gear, light colored clothing, DEET 50% or greater applied q 6-8 hours on deployment. Consider this to be a UNIVERSAL threat in all mosquito endemic areas.
- Hanta Virus- (22 May 2014) Hanta Virus Pulmonary Syndrome is back. Two States Oklahoma and Colorado are reporting deaths. H/P/M High/Low/Rodent and Vector control
- Tick Borne Disease- Heartland Virus- Oklahoma Delaware county- 2nd death. First described in 2012, little known about the virus. May-September. They all had a fever and felt very tired. Some also complained of headaches, muscle aches, diarrhea, losing their appetite, or feeling sick to their stomach. They all had low numbers of cells that fight infection and that help blood clot. Most patients required hospitalization for their illness. Most patients fully recovered. People likely become infected with Heartland virus through a bite of a tick or other insect. Preventing bites from ticks and mosquitoes may prevent this and other infections.
- H/P/M Moderate(High?)/Low/Tick precautions.

- o Use insect repellents
- o Wear long sleeves and pants
- o Avoid bushy and wooded areas
- o Perform thorough tick checks after spending time outdoors
- Review of the current **Daily Open Source Infrastructure** Report dated 27 May 2014 revealed no sector specific concerns
- Possibility of Summer deployment means the possibility of **Heat** injuries. Pack your favorite electrolyte mix (mine is G2), a loose fitting Boonie hat, mosquito netting, sunscreen, lip balm, 50% or better DEET insect repellent, sunglasses, and extra sunglasses for when you break or lose your primary pair. Now is the time to start acclimation activities as well, as a deployment environment as a high heat and high physical stress environment. Consult your physician for appropriate exercise regimens geared to your physical

Respectfully Submitted 28 May 2014

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And in related news, The Oklahoma State Department of Health has confirmed the state's first case and death of the Heartland Virus, according to a news release Tuesday (May 17)

[<http://5newsonline.com/2014/05/28/okla-department-of-health-confirms-first-death-of-heartland-virus/>].

A Delaware County resident died recently from complications of the virus, according to the release.

The virus is found in the lone star tick, and it's likely spread through tick bites, the release states.

"[The] Heartland Virus was first identified in Missouri in 2009. The Oklahoma case is only the tenth person confirmed with the virus and the second person to die from it," the release states.

Other cases have occurred in Missouri and Tennessee. All patients diagnosed with the Heartland Virus reported spending several hours per day in outside areas.

Symptoms can include, "fever, fatigue, headaches, muscle aches, loss of appetite, nausea, bruising easily and diarrhea," according to the release.

There isn't any kind of routine testing available for the Heartland Virus, but protocols are in place for investigational diagnostic testing.

Doctors can contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Acute Disease Service for consultation on the virus, the release states.

There is no vaccine or drug to prevent or treat the disease. Preventing bites from ticks and mosquitoes may prevent this and other infections, according to the release.

